

Vocalists entertain packed auditorium

VISUAL ART ON
DISPLAY FOR EVENING

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Parents, grandparents, siblings, classmates, and the public at large enjoyed an evening of vocal and visual arts during “Sounds of Spring,” the annual Murdock Middle and High School spring choral concert held May 18 at Murdock auditorium. Vocalists from grades six through 12 performed an eclectic offering of music ranging from a medley of songs from the musical “Les Miserables,” to Jay Ungar’s “Ashokan Farewell” (the instrumental version of which was featured in the PBS documentary “The Civil War”), to Green Day’s sentimental “Good Riddance,” better known by its subtitle, “Time of Your Life.”

The sixth grade chorus kicked off the evening with “Little do You Know” by Sierra Deaton and Alex Kinsey, the season three winners of the American version of TV’s The W Factor. This was followed by “Boats Sail on Rivers,” music by Victor Johnson and based on a poem by Christina Rossetti. The set was capped

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Greg Vine photo

Members of the sixth grade chorus entertaining the audience.

Town could take over streetlights

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Town Manager Keith Hickey told selectmen Monday night that the town continues to explore the feasibility of taking over the streetlights in town. Hickey told the board that Public Works Director Al Gallant has been in contact with representatives of Tanko Lighting and Graybar to discuss a municipal takeover of the lights and converting them from incandescent units to LED (light emitting diode) units. The town would purchase the lights from National Grid.

While and exploration of the move has been in the works for some time now, National Grid has yet to inform the town of the likely cost of acquiring the lights. San Francisco-based Tanko is recommending that the town spend just over \$10,000 for Tanko to conduct an audit of the existing streetlights. The audit, according to Tanko, would let the town know the fixture type of each streetlight, each light’s mounting configuration, its wattage, and each light’s GPS coordi-

nates. This information would allow the town to put together a detailed bid procedure seeking “the exact number and type of light fixtures as well as the recommended wattage of bulbs in every streetlight.”

According to Hickey, there will be enough cash left in the DPW’s fiscal year 2016 budget to cover the cost of the audit. Hickey said both he and Gallant support paying for the audit.

According to information provided by Tanko, there are currently 564 streetlights in Winchendon. The estimated cost of acquiring the lights is \$50 per fixture, for a total of \$27,050. When that amount is subtracted from the current annual kWh (kilowatt per hour) cost of \$64,972, the town stands to save nearly \$32,000 in annual energy costs. The town also stands to earn a rebate of 25¢ per kWh for a total rebate amount of \$38,000.

While the estimated acquisition cost of \$50 per fixture comes to \$27,050, so-called “turnkey costs” come to nearly \$190,000. Turnkey costs include the cost of the audit,

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Dual enrollment programs graduate largest class to date



Courtesy photo

Christian Rossi Jr. of Winchendon and Bella Ballin of Worcester, co-valedictorians of the Gateway to College and Early College Innovation School Class of 2016 at Mount Wachusett Community College.

GARDNER — Aspiring doctors, nurses, physicists, teachers and police officers, as well as many teenagers who are the first in their families to attend college, are among the largest dual enrollment graduating class at Mount Wachusett Community College.

This year’s graduates of the Pathways Early College Innovation School and the Gateway to College program were recognized during a May 20 ceremony at MWCC. The dual enrollment programs, offered in partnership with area high schools, allow students to use school choice funding to earn their high school diploma while simultaneously earning college credits, an academic certificate, or an associate degree.

With 73 graduates from 26 towns and cities this year, the graduating class is the largest ever at MWCC. This year also marked the 10th graduating class of the Gateways program and the fifth Pathways graduating class.

MWCC President Daniel Asquino was the featured speaker, sharing personal anecdotes with the students and the hundreds of family members and friends gathered for the occasion.

When told as a child he couldn’t play sports because he was born

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Morgan St. Pierre photo

Though it still looks good, the Meals on Wheels van has racked up more than 200,000 miles and overdue for replacement.

Not just a meal... a lifeline

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Delivering more than 50 meals and racking up 50 miles of driving every day. That’s Winchendon’s Meals on Wheels routine every weekday, and while executive director Sheila Bettro always likes it when are able to come eat at Old Murdock, she says the program is a necessity for some.

“We want to decrease the number of meals we deliver. We’d prefer people, if they can, to come here (to the senior center) and eat with others, which we think is good for everyone, but we understand that’s not possible for all our clients.”

“Some people are shut-ins. Some have trouble getting around. For them, the program is essential,” she pointed out.

Two weeks ago, on May 13, a Friday, Meals on Wheels delivered 58 meals and Bettro said that while Fridays are the program’s busiest days, as many as 65 or so have been delivered in a single day.

“On Fridays, some clients get what we call ‘Mom’s meals’, and get two meals for the weekend, which they need.”

Bettro noted for some clients, the Meals on Wheels food might be the only thing they get to eat on a given day.

“Think about how scary that is,” she said ruefully.

It’s not just the food deliveries which count so much. Dave Tavares has been driving since 2004 and he does much more than simply drop off those USDA-approved meals.

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Keepin’ ‘em down at Murdock

WINCHENDON — With private schools, charter schools and school choice all threatening to deplete the halls, especially at the high school level, the School Committee is having serious discussions about ways to entice students and parents to continue using the local public high school as the option.

At the town meeting earlier in May, public discussion also

centered on the costs associated with the sending district for the regional vocational school; but as committee member Janet Corbosiero explained, “while they may have something more like a prep school admissions policy, it would require the cooperation of all 19 towns involved to change their charter. We can’t do it on our own.”

One option being seriously

explored is the actual costs associated with athletics, and whether user fees could be eliminated.

Committee member Greg Vine explained his rationale, saying there are many instances where family finances preclude the fee, and it might keep some athletically inclined students in the district to play for their home town.

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Honored for academics,
coxswain hails from
Winchendon

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WEEKLY QUOTE

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.”

Edmund Burke



At left: Ian Nault, pictured with his granddad Roger and his father Dennis, was honored as Student of the Month at the Murdock Academy for Success. Ian will be graduating this June, truly a success story for the Academy. As head teacher at the Academy Kris Provost explained, "Success isn't always a straight line."



Kindergarten student Rebecca Boisvert has had an outstanding year at Memorial School and was chosen as the newest student of the month. A gregarious young woman, she delighted the School Committee as she accepted her awards. She is with her sister Sophia, her father Joe and her mother Trisha.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

At left: Sixth grader Lily Digman is the Murdock Middle School student of the month. Lily, who is a track star as well as an outstanding student, was teased a bit for following in her tall brother's footsteps. She is pictured with that brother, Adam; her younger brother Ben and her mother Michelle.

Students of the Month is sponsored by



Commitment to service highlights MWCC commencement

GARDNER — The transformative power of service and volunteerism was the resounding theme of Mount Wachusett Community College's 51st commencement on May 18, from the 157,000 service hours completed by students this past academic year to the decades-long legacy of President Daniel M. Asquino.

This year, 810 associate degrees and certificates were awarded to 734 graduates. The ceremony will be remembered as the final commencement President Asquino will preside over before retiring early next year.

Tina Sbrega, chair of the Board of Trustees, led a tribute to the president, who received a standing ovation in recognition of three decades at the helm of the college and nearly 50 years in public higher education in Massachusetts.

Since his arrival in 1987, he has established the college as a state and national leader in a number of key areas, from

workforce and economic development to K-12 partnerships. Above all, Sbrega said, is the lasting legacy he will leave in the area of incorporating civic engagement as a hallmark of MWCC.

"He will be remembered most for having brought our community together for the good of all," she said. "Throughout his 47 year career in public higher education in Massachusetts, Dr. Asquino has been driven by the belief that education is society's great equalizer and has spent every moment of his career devoted to all of you and the tens of thousands of graduates who came before you."

In delivering the commencement address, Asquino reflected the accolades back to the students, faculty, staff and alumni for their hard work and commitment, personally and collectively.

"This is an amazing, transformative, magical college. Lives change here like nowhere else."

He encouraged the students to enjoy life's celebrations, and manage challenges and setbacks as an opportunity to "pick yourself up, and move on."

Among the life lessons he shared, he advised the graduates be flexible to adjust to the ups and downs of life's circumstances and to be mindful that "life is a merciless reflection of your own attitude."

"There is no balanced allocation of good fortune or failure. The question then is when you are confronted with disappointment, tragedy, discrimination, how do you handle it? It's OK to momentarily feel distraught and sad...but then you need to, as difficult as this may be, pick yourself up and move on. Let us be the person who sees opportunity in every calamity, rather than calamity in every opportunity. That is the Mount way."

Student speaker Chelsea Garrity, described her journey from being "a small fish in a big pond" to becoming an engaged student leader.

"I don't think that I became a big fish in a small pond because the Mount isn't a small place and it isn't a competition for survival. I grew as a person, I challenged myself, and I tried new things. And that is my challenge to you. Class of 2016, I challenge you to step out of your comfort zone. Try something you never thought you would like or do....I promise you that it will all be worth it."

Known for her spontaneous rap songs, she concluded her speech in similar fashion to the delight of the crowd.

"So here's to the community that raised you up, and here's to you for never giving up. And when it comes time to throw your cap up, Remember - for the graduates, by the graduates, we the graduates, Word. This is our future, and we will change the world."

A number of awards were also presented during the ceremony.

The 2016 Service Above Self Award was president to Raymond M. Martino of Lunenburg, president and CEO of Simonds International, who spoke of the power of collective volunteerism. The award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to

MWCC and the 29 cities and towns that make up MWCC's service area.

Tom Berger, student trustee for the past academic year, was presented with the Trustees award for his service, and three graduates were awarded the President's Key for their academic excellence, Melissa Richards, Jonathan Inman and Kelly Veautour.

Retiring professors Janice Gearan and Kathleen Panagiotis were awarded emeriti status.

Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke, who received the 2016 Alumnus of the Year award, lamented that unlike the student speaker, he had no rap song to share, but drew laughter when he spontaneously sang out an operatic "President Asquiiiiiiiiino."

Mayor Hawke shared his personal story of his academic "ordeals and debacles" as he made his way from a "straight-C" student to college graduate thanks to the direction he received at MWCC. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree and MBA.

"To my soon-to-be fellow alums, when you come to the two roads diverging in the woods, whether you take the one less traveled or not, always remember and be proud that your road began here at MWCC."

This year, 810 associate degrees and certificates were awarded to 734 graduates. Local graduates included:

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Associates: Robert S. Bean, Donald C. Capodilupo, Mark A. Cerasuolo, Champagne E. Guzman, James Ham, Sara Khan, Angel M. Lehtonen, Gregory J. Morin, Sonya M. Swan; Certificates: Karrysa C. Caldwell-Carlson, Anthony S. Federline, Andrea Spyropoulos, Alisha A. VanHillo, Noella M. Vautour, Jackie C. Walsh

Baldwinville
Associates: Jessica A. Colleton, Emanuel A. Corbeil, Alida M. Garrett, Thomas P. Hill, Lindsay Jamieson, Kelsey L. Joyal, Virginia E. Strahan; Certificates: Agnes M. Coleman, Emanuel A. Corbeil, Sheena A. Giguere, Lindsay Jamieson, Patrick M. Waite

East Templeton
Associates: Kelly-Ann C. Kuszewski, Amy T. Martinello, Jillian Risi, Erin L. Warren, Mariah J. Work; Certificate: Jillian Risi

Gardner
Associates: Andrea L. Bartlett, Nicholas S. Batchelder, Allysyn M. Belliveau, Rene Bergeron, Sarah B. Brooks, Leah C. Burgess, Matthew Carbonari, Matthew Casaubon, Amber L. Charland, Hilary Cook, Amy R. Cooper, Adam Cormier, Mallory E. Cormier, Cassandra L. Culley, Justin M. Doiron, Darrion Donaghy, Jessica L. Faiola, Amanda D. Favreau, Francisco J. Figueroa-Vazquez, Marcantonio Frushell, Daniel P. Gallant, Brian J. Gariepy, Chelsea Malik Gentile, Jillian Gerde, Thomas M. Girard, Colleen Golding, Jessica M. Guyer, Ashley Hamel, Patrick N. Hawkesworth, Robert J. Jess, Kaitlyn A. Jozefiak, David F. Kosciolk, Jacob M. LaFreniere, Daniel D. Landry, Gabriella LeBlanc,

Jordan R. Learmonth, Kristen M. Lynch, Michael P. MacLean, Leanne M. McCarthy, Elizabeth L. McClure, James F. Meagher, Monica M. Medeiros, Meredith M. Minns, Amy L. Moisan, Alexa M. Morgan, Francis A. Murray, Desiree L. Newman, Matthew P. O'Brien, Emily A. O'Reilly, Kenneth J. Pellecchia, Karen A. Pietila, Ovila Plouffe, Alaina K. Quebec, Bryan N. Richard, Julia A. Richard, Luella A. Roth, Nicholas P. Scott, Katheya K. Singussen, Samantha M. Stewart, Elisha M. Stratford, Nicholas T. Sullivan, Hope B. Swaney; Certificates: Nicholas S. Batchelder, Rebecca A. Beirholm, Rene Bergeron, Joseph Bernard, Ashley Betty, Linda Burroughs, Alexandra L. Dalbec, Megan E. Delaney, Teresa M. Delaney, Mary L. Diehl, Marcantonio Frushell, Jessica M. Guyer, Krystal L. Guzman, Robert J. Jess, Nicole B. Joseph, Kristina M. LaBombard, Daniel D. Landry, Alexa M. Morgan, Scarlett K. Palma, Karen A. Pietila, Rheana L. Rodriguez, Terri J. Stewart, Hope B. Swaney, Adam J. Wilbur

Phillipston
Associates: Alexander A. Benincaso, Meaghan K. Bruce, Taylor L. O'Neill, Rachel Stankaitis; Certificate: Summer A. Moulton

Royalston
Associates: Sydni Ayers, Garrett H. Hall, Amy M. Putney

Templeton
Associates: Kayla M. Arsenault, Jordan J. Bernard, Lisa A. Champagne, Holly S. D'Angelo, Jennifer A. DeMaio, Katlyn M. Gallant, Eric J. Hill, Jonathan Inman, Frank M. Maine, Lucy Rivers, Amanda Suzzi; Certificates: Diana Antul, David W. Bennett, Daniel R. Martin

Winchendon
Associates: Trevor J. Allen, Kelli R. Bator, Thomas Berger, Calvin R. Clinkscale, Laura Cosentino, Rhonda J. Cutler, Erin M. Greene, Amy A. Hance, Kaitlin J. Johnson, Andrew W. Lawrence, Tina L. Leveille, Zi Lin, Brandon M. Lucier, Jessica M. Mahan, Kaitlyn S. Neal, Courtney E. Nicholson, Mary S. O'Neill, Nathan L. Oakes, Lindsey M. Paul, Krista K. Pennell, Brian T. Pfeifle, Daniel L. Prouty, Melissa S. Richard, Christian M. Rossi, Kelsey Schecker, Elizabeth Spady, Jenna L. Tenney, Bryan T. Vaine, Bonnie Veilleux, Kelly E. Williams, Josefine C. Wolski; Certificates: Victoria J. Burchfield, Daniel Caputi, Joseph A. Duerr, Ashley M. Garceau, Ryan P. May, Brity T. Murphy, Bret K. Norcross, Krista K. Pennell, Brian T. Pfeifle, Christian M. Rossi, Anton M. Thompson, Josefina C. Wolski

Fitzwilliam
Associate: Duncan W. Sullivan

Jaffrey
Associates: Monique Archambault, Melinda W. Breen, Lisa M. Hahn, Kyle M. Morneau, Christine A. Rondeau-Fryer; Certificate: Christine A. Rondeau-Fryer

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Learning early



At left: Matthew Tranbarger and Lucas Plante help fire Lt./paramedic Rick Peters clean one of Winchendon's impressive fire trucks.

At right: Winchendon firefighter/paramedic Andrew Harding (l) and fire Lt./paramedic Rick Peters help Memorial School students Lucas Plante and Matthew Tranbarger, respectively, suit up for firefighting duties. Lucas and Matthew visited the fire dept. Tuesday for a Fire Safety Night Out! The event was co-sponsored by the Winchendon Special Education Parents Advisory Committee (SEPAC). A "9-1-1 Disability Indicator Form," which is provided as a permanent record for emergency dispatchers, was distributed. The confidential information is kept only at the dispatcher's desk. SEPAC will hold an ice cream social at 6 p.m. on Tues., June 7 at A Better Tomorrow for Youth Center, 200 Central St. Interested parties should RSVP by June 3. E-mail sepac@winchendonk12.org or call the Special Education Office at (978) 297-1850.



COURIER CAPSULES

TSONGAS AT GARDNER REGION — Congresswoman Niki Tsongas will be at a legislative breakfast presentation by the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce and the W2OMEN Friday, June 3 at the Colonial Hotel, 625 Betty Spring Road, Gardner. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with the breakfast beginning at 7:45 and the speaking program at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Call (978) 632-1780; info@gardnerma.com or visit www.gardnerma.com to register.

MWCC DENTAL PROGRAMS
Graduates of MWCC's dental hygiene and dental assisting programs were welcomed into the profession during the department's 10th annual pinning ceremony on May 13 in the South Café.

Executive Vice President Ann McDonald and Cynthia Cadoret, chair of the dental programs department were joined by guest speaker Dr. Peter Billia, dental director for Community Health Connections, and program faculty in congratulating the graduates

on their achievement.

Over the past year, the dental hygiene and dental assisting students treated more than 800 patients through the college's partnership with the Community Health Center.

Several students were recognized with awards. Caitlin Riendeau received the Johnson & Johnson award, Paulette Hachey receive the Hu-Friedy award, Monica Kwan and Wendy Uribe received the Dental Hygiene Department award; Alyssa Adoretti received the Dental Hygiene Curriculum award and the Massachusetts Dental Hygienists' Association Academic Scholarship; Amanda Melanson received the Dental Assisting Department award, and first-year students Leah Trudeau and Casey Bedingfield received the Ellen Daly Scholarship.

KEENE GRADUATES
KEENE, NH On Saturday, May 7 Keene State College's Commencement honored the graduating class of 2016. The following local students were among those graduating:

Miranda Goddard of Rindge graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in health science: nutrition.

Courtney Lawn of Jaffrey graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BA in psychology.

Nolan Foley of Jaffrey graduated Cum Laude with a BA in political science.

Katelyn Charron of Rindge graduated with a BA in communication studies.

Claude Jean of Rindge graduated with a BS in safety & occupational health applied sciences.

Alec Zbikowski of Winchendon graduated with a BFA in graphic design.

Analee Benik of Fitzwilliam graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BA in psychology.

Brittany King of Rindge graduated with a BS in nursing, pre-licensure.

Matthew Menegus of Fitzwilliam graduated with a BS in management.

Nicholas Pollock of Rindge graduated with a BS in management.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
BOSTON—Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. Gardner resident Elise Jackson, a Northeastern University student majoring in physical therapy, was recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in May 2016.

NEWTON — Lasell College in Newton recently named Brianna Dellechiaie of Winchendon to the Lasell College Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester. Dellechiaie, whose major is event management, is a member of the class of 2018 and was among 760 students honored in the Spring 2016 semester.



CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY MAY 27
KIDS PROGRAMS: Beals Memorial Library has two programs for younger children on Fridays. Toddler Time for kids age three & younger at 9:45; preschool story hour for ages 3-5 at 10:30. We request people sign up 24 hours in advance only to ensure enough materials are available. Free. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 28
TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers' Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

MEMORIAL DAY: Here is the schedule of events for Memorial Day Weekend. Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m. Place flags on Veteran's graves. Calvary Cemetery.

SUNDAY, MAY 29
MEMORIAL DAY: Sunday, May 29 at 10 a.m. Mass United Parish Church, Winchendon Roll Call (Vets who died during War time)

MONDAY, MAY 30
MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 30 at 8 a.m. Honor departed veterans, Calvary Cemetery, Marines Glenallan Street Bridge; 9:45 a.m. All parade participants line up at the Winchendon Fire Station; 10 a.m. Parade, stops at Legion Park, VFW Park and GAR Park; 10:45 a.m. (approx.) Memorial Day Service in GAR Park at the Smith Community Pavilion.

Also events at Veterans Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 31
STORY HOUR: On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschool-

ers' and up.

ADULT CRAFTS: during the children's story hour at Beals Memorial Library, we will now provide an opportunity for adults to do crafts. If you'd like to attend but don't have a babysitter, problem solved! We provide stories while you craft! Tonight we will hold an open discussion with whomever attends about what sort of activities this might be. No need for preregistration, but for information call (978) 297-0300.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
BINGO! Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It's inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We'd love to have more players.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers' Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
OLD MURDOCK OPEN HOUSE: the Center, 52 Murdock Avenue, will be open for free tours with refreshments from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. A chance to see this lovingly kept building in its splendor.

WINCHENDON SCHOOL: 89th annual commencement at 10:30 a.m. on the grounds of the school, Ash Street.

ALUMNI SOFTBALL: June 4 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Murdock softball field; Murdock Alumni of all ages welcome to play! Please call Sue at 978-257-5671 if interested in participating. Hoping to have a great turnout this year. Family and friends encouraged to attend to cheer on your favorite player!!

MONDAY, JUNE 6
YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9
BOOK CLUB: Beals Memorial Library hosts a book discussion group the second Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. The book is available to borrow at the library, call for details, (978) 297-0300. Always welcoming new members.

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From business to business

The new economic and development advisory committee is still very, very new; but they have some interesting ideas. And they need the help of everyone else who might have ideas about revitalizing Toy Town too.

It was surprising when a little research turned up about eight printed pages of businesses in Winchendon. Many, we suspect, are very small one person enterprises; perhaps from the confines of homes. But the entrepreneurial spirit is very alive and well here. And this is how many, many businesses begin. Think Apple in Steve Jobs' garage.

So, we applaud those small businesses and people with a dream. Now we are going to ask for their help.

In the next few weeks, they may receive a phone call; don't be alarmed please. Members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee intend to contact people on that list and ask a few simple questions; such as what do you do? Are you still in business? Do we have your correct contact information? And, most important we think, is there any way we can help your business?

See, while the whole idea of encouraging new business to town is a just cause, encouraging those already here is perhaps even a better one. We want them to grow; to get bigger and hire more people; perhaps need more space, and to be cheerleaders themselves for the town.

Who better than someone already here, who knows the town and is willing already to try their wings here?

So this is a first step as the committee begins its own fledgling way into finding direction for Winchendon. We need to decide what we want for the town...do we want more industry? More retail? Are we to become mostly a home for workers who have employment elsewhere like Devens rather than working here in town? What infrastructure then do we need to provide to entice either business or good housing? How do we promote ourselves, our schools (which, by the way have improved WAY beyond what most people believe...), and our way of life?

And on that note, let's change gears a moment and address the schools, because yet again the information is out there about funding at the schools as we hie toward the end of the fiscal year. Let's try school finance 101 yet again.

More than a million dollars of our school revenue is through grant funding. Grants do not come into the schools on a set basis, they come in staggered, and sometimes even in the next fiscal or even calendar year.

But, and this is a BIG but, correct bookkeeping procedure requires that something that is designated to be paid from grant funding must come from the line with that numbered designation, even if it means putting that line into the red.

And, if you are smart enough to understand school finances, you know the state has given the schools the right to "move" its money around from line item to line item to cover these contingencies.

So, if line 101 goes into the red because the grant funds that pay that program haven't been received and put into the account yet, it's ok. It can show up as being in the red for now, the money can come from a different line item, say 102, that is still in the black. Then, when the grant money does arrive, it is put into the bank, and the balances are put aright once more; putting money from line 101 which is now full, back into line 102 where the money was "borrowed" before. It's legal. Because it's the schools, and it's grants.

The town isn't allowed to do it that way. But schools can because the grants are so variable. And because they have so many.

Second of course, is if the funding comes in, but isn't credited correctly and quickly to the right lines, then the "deficits" are also going to look deeper than they are. It's a question of timing, and revenue receipts; certainly not of overspent funds.

LaPointe: grant backfill, not deficit

To the Editor:

I am writing in brief response to the Tuesday, May 24th article in the Gardner News about Winchendon's school budget having an approximate \$500,000 deficit. As the School Committee was not made aware that an extensive report was being provided at the Board of Selectmen meeting Monday evening, there was no representation from the school available to speak to the statements being made.

The picture was painted that the schools are in a dire deficit, when this in fact is not an accurate picture. Currently, the school budget has a balance of over \$2,570,000 to cover expenses through the end of the year, June 30, meaning we have expended 79.8% of the annual budget, which is on track with where we should be. There are several reasons that the budget may look to be in a deficit, but most reasons are explainable, and should have been explained during this presentation.

For instance, as is discussed at nearly every public School Committee meeting, many grants awarded to the schools are dispersed to us a bit at a time over the length of the entire school year. So while we have expenses incurred, we are not allowed to post against the money coming in, until the money is actually in. The result is that the budget line appears as a deficit. Again, this is because the school system is following the directives and regulations regarding spending the funds only after they come in. Additionally, approximately \$600,000 in grant revenues were received on 4/4, but were not posted

by the town (where the posting has to happen) until 5/16, with an effective date of 4/30. My understanding is that the report being used for Monday's discussion was dated 5/11. This is just one example, but one that has a dramatic effect on the perception of the budget as well as our school system. There are in fact reasons that there may currently be small deficits, such as learning yesterday that the State has decreased our anticipated School Choice funding for this current year.

I am proud of the progress we have made over the past year, working diligently to lessen any mistakes made and their impact. We have a new Superintendent who is committed to bringing our schools back to a Level 1 status. We have extended an offer to an excellent candidate interested in becoming our in-house Business Manager, someone who would love to stay in Winchendon for the long haul, and would love nothing more than to place his own child here. I am proud to say we have a School Committee from diverse backgrounds who all have one commitment - what is best for the children of this district.

I would encourage everyone to attend the upcoming Joint Meeting of the BOS, Finance Committee and School Committee on June 13, as well as our regular School Committee meeting on June 2 and June 16. We always welcome participation and input, and would love to see you there.

DANIELLE LAPOINTE, CHAIR
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Civil discourse

I am reading a book by Karl Rove that deals with the election of William McKinley. It is not a book that tries to put forth Rove's acknowledged conservative political ideas but rather a historical look at an amazing election.

I have come away from the reading with one strong understanding, what we today think of as a horrible, ugly, and terribly managed election for the presidency pales in comparison similar races in the past. Sadly, it made me more accepting of what is happening now as I can put it in perspective of what happened in many elections long before I was born.

It occurs to me that most of us are terribly committed to one or the other school of thought; let's call them conservative or liberal. We are groups that rarely vote against our party, make little attempt to really give the alternative party any attention, and lash out at the opposition candidate, often without serious study of the individual's position or his preparation for the job.

For example, we say we want competence. But what we often mean is our chosen candidate is competent, and the other is not.

Secretary Clinton has lived most of her adult life in government service. She has a political record of significance and has met many challenges. She

is bright, has been quite successful in most of what she has undertaken. She has also had some failures along the line.

Donald Trump has lived his adult life in the world of business. He has a business record of significance and has met many challenges. He is bright, has been quite successful in business, and has had some failures along the line.

So from my perspective, the real vetting of which of them would be the best person to be president will occur in the rough and tumble between now and November.

Yet rather than focusing on significant topics like the economy, international relations, creating more jobs, and rebuilding infrastructure, what do I read?

Trump must be bad because he won't release his income tax returns.

Well, friends, revisit the constitution because no one is required to do that to run for political office. And he is audited years out is not speaking to us from behind bars.

What one makes, how it is spent, where it is donated, and all of the rest of it is personal. All the candidates get to choose whether they would like to release their private income information. To choose not to do so does not mean the candidate is hiding something or

that he or she is sinister. With intelligent people that kind of suggestion simply shows ignorance of the law.

Clinton must be bad because Democrats are not supposed to like those rich guys on Wall Street, and while she campaigns against Wall Street, she accepts hundreds of thousands in fees for speaking at their clubs, but won't release the text of what she said.

Well, unless you live under a stone, you know she wasn't telling people who give her hundreds of thousands of dollars that they are dark money people, out to ruin the economy, and that while she might say one thing publicly, they should know she has their backs. Of course she was feeding them what she thought they wanted to hear. And guess what, in our society, if a private organization pays you to come to their private gathering and speak with them, there is no obligation for you to share what they paid for with those of us who weren't there.

Would I like to get a look at Trump's taxes? Sure I would, but it would just be curiosity. And I would like to read Clinton's private speeches, but she has no obligation to let me.

People who follow these things will remember that Barack Obama attacked the inefficiencies of Wall Street

when he ran for president, but also accepted donations from those firms, and after the election, he appointed many of the heads of Wall Street organizations to his financial team, even at the cabinet level.

This is what we call politics. Candidates spend millions on polling to learn what the voters want to hear, and then tell them they agree.

This approach to netting the most votes goes back to the beginnings of America. And in many previous elections, it was much worse and included physical violence we cannot imagine today. Lurid stories about candidates and their families, totally unsubstantiated charges of fraud, suggestion that the candidate wanted to change the county in a bad way after he won. All of that and more was present.

In Clinton and Trump we have two people who have been very successful in life. But they have very different temperaments, different ideas on how to make America a better place to live, and different approaches to guarantee safety from foreign threat.

So everyone who would never do anything except vote a straight ticket will not spend the required time to understand the real strengths of the candidate of the other party.

And the election will be



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decided by the small number of people who consider themselves independent enough to really weigh the pros and cons as we see them in the next few months, without overweighing previous political considerations of a party.

Obviously, I am dealing here with what I think the situation in November will be: Clinton vs Trump. The third candidate, Senator Sanders, has no path I can see to the nomination or the election but he has demonstrated considerable talent in the race and has scored well enough to have serious influence on the selection of a vice president and potential members of a Clinton cabinet.

Lots can happen between now and November. But I, for one, would like to relegate the character bashers, the folks who throw the dirt just to see if it sticks, and those who feel "my party and my candidate" is the only answer for America to a back seat.

Let us talk amongst ourselves in a civil way, give attention to facts, throw out all the silliness and mean-spirited stuff, cancel the popularity or beauty contest, and pick the right person to serve as our President.



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Stay objective. Be detached. Be skeptical and don't be afraid to ask tough questions. Those are the mantras taught to every aspiring young journalist and on balance, they're smart, logical rules to follow. No doubt aspiring doctors and nurses and lawyers and police officers and social workers are also taught to stay objective and urged to remain detached as well. For the most part, the jobs can't be done the right way without objectivity and detachment. In reality though, it's not that simple.

I've had no problem staying objec-

tive when I've written stories about, for example, businesses or school events. It's easy to simply tell the stories, though I also certainly appreciate the willingness of busy area merchants to take the time to talk to me.

But then there are other stories — about veterans, about people helped by community service organizations like the CAC or senior center or Crystal Clubhouse or Adult Family Services (both part of Alternatives) in Gardner, stories where objectivity isn't so easy. I've found it close-to- impossible to stay detached when I've written about mental health issues: suicide, depression, addiction, homelessness, maybe because I'm bi-polar with more than a trace of anxiety issues too. Perhaps I can therefore

relate?

To be sure, I've kept myself out of the stories, after all, they aren't about me, but I strongly believe that sometimes it's okay to not remain "above" the subject. Sometimes it's okay to not be neutral. Sometimes it's okay to be both empathetic and sympathetic. Sometimes it's even okay to say, you know, I know this person or that organization who might be able to help in some way. I don't see that as breaking any kind of ethical rule or injecting myself into a story. Rather, I see that as doing what anyone should do: passing along information, lending a hand. That's simply the right thing to do. I like to think I've been able to tell a whole lot of stories effectively while also developing a bond or rapport. Nothing

wrong with doing both.

Journalists have a responsibility to get the news right, to ask questions other citizens generally can't or won't, even if the answers aren't always easy to get and trust me, they're often not, even when you're dealing with some coaches who treat strategy as if it's the code to the nuclear arsenal and more importantly government officials. I've been on both sides of the notepad on the latter. But we have to keep trying. "Speak truth to power," the adage goes. At the same time, part of what we do in this business, what I've been doing a lot of, is listening to people tell their stories and writing them down. That's my favorite part of the job — there are so many fascinating

Drawing lines

Weld, Weld, Weld...what's this all about?

The Libertarian Party has never been what one might call an electoral juggernaut. The highest vote total ever received by a Libertarian presidential candidate came in 2012, when former Republican New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson collected just under 1.3 million votes. That was good for approximately one percent of the 129,132,140 votes cast that year.

In 1972, during its first foray into presidential politics, the party gained official access to the ballot in only two states, Colorado and Washington. Voters could write-in the names of the Libertarian ticket of John Hospers and Theodora Nathan in the states of California, Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. In total, Hospers and Nathan attracted a mere 3,674 votes nationwide. However, when members of the Electoral College met on Dec. 18, 1972, a so-called “faithless elector” – Roger McBride of Virginia, who had pledged to cast his ballot for Republicans Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew – instead voted for Hospers and Nathan.

McBride’s vote was history-making. First, it gave



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Libertarians their first and, thus far, only electoral vote. It was also the only time in US history that a woman received an Electoral College vote (although that’s pretty likely to change this year).

Why the history lesson?

Well, it appears as if the Libertarian Party may be poised to – if not win – at least have a significant impact on the presidential election of 2016. A March 24 Monmouth University poll showed Johnson polling 11 percent against Hillary Clinton (42 percent) and Donald Trump (34 percent). The results of a FoxNews poll released May 17 showed Trump with 42 percent, Clinton with 39 percent, and Johnson at 10 percent.

That may not sound all that impressive but keep in mind an important fact or two. First, if Johnson raises his poll numbers to 15 percent or more he

will qualify for inclusion in the general election presidential debates. Also, and very importantly, these polls were conducted before former Republican Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld announced his willingness to seek the vice-presidency as Johnson’s running mate.

Weld, unlike Trump, is no political gadfly (gadfly being defined in the Merriam-Webster dictionary as “a person who stimulates or annoys especially by persistent criticism”).

In 1990 Weld, head of the Department of Justice Criminal Division from 1986 to 1988, defeated Democrat and Boston University President John Silber. This race was different in that the Republican was considered the more liberal of the two major party candidates, particularly when it came to social issues – particularly abortion. Weld managed to beat Silber by a little over three percent of the vote. Four years later Weld wiped the floor with the great-grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, Democratic state Rep. Mark Roosevelt. Weld’s 71 percent to 28 percent margin of victory was the widest in the

history of the Commonwealth. Roosevelt won only six of the state’s 351 cities and towns.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton tapped Weld to become ambassador to Mexico. His nomination, however, was ultimately shot down by North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms, the extremely conservative, ultra right-wing, knuckle-dragging chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. You see, Weld supported medicinal marijuana and needle exchange programs, and is pro-choice on the abortion issue. Helms was none of those things.

The only other year Libertarians captured as much as one percent of the vote was way back in 1980. Their nominee that year was California attorney attorney Ed Clark. Their nominee for vice president was a business tycoon by the name of David Koch. Yes...that David Koch – of the infamous Koch brothers. He basically told party members if they gave him the nomination for veep he’d spend millions of dollars of his own money on the campaign – so they did... and he did.

Recent reports – admittedly unconfirmed – say David Koch may be willing to spend “tens of millions” of dollars in support of Johnson’s campaign. Those reports were published before it was known Weld would join the Libertarian ticket. His addition certainly makes the ticket more viable,

more likely to attract supporters and, more importantly, more likely to attract contributions – especially if the Kochs start kicking in a little scratch along the way.

Bill Weld’s addition to the Libertarian ticket makes that ticket a great deal more viable and much less chuckle-worthy. Weld’s addition to the ticket will – with or without the Kochs – make it easier to raise cash. Weld’s addition makes it easier to attract media attention. And Weld’s addition to the ticket makes Libertarians appear more “mainstream,” with conversations focusing more on the party’s support for civil liberties and less on some of the party’s oddest beliefs – like the abolition of public education.

As we’ve seen in state’s like Ohio and Florida in recent elections, the change of a few thousand votes in this municipality or that county can prove crucial to the ultimate Electoral College results. Weld’s participation could – could – have that kind of an impact.

Yes indeed. We could see the Libertarians tipping a close election to Hillary Clinton...or even placing the final outcome in the hands of the US House of Representatives.

America, it seems, has fallen down a political rabbit hole and this election year just keeps getting, in the words of Alice, “curiouser and curiouser.”

Auxiliary awarded grant for Cathy’s House

WINCHENDON — The Winchendon Unit #193 of the American Legion Auxiliary was awarded a grant at the May meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. The grant award was for \$1,600. The local Unit will provide an additional \$500 for a total of \$2,100.

The funds will be used to build Cathy’s House therapeutic garden on the grounds of the women’s home.

Cathy’s House is a brand new facility for homeless women veterans. It opened in Winchendon in November 2015. The goal of the facility, under the direction of the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, is to provide supportive programming in a safe, permanent or transitional congregate home setting. The Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center is a non-profit agency and is not government-sponsored. Their services to the Montachusett area include outreach, counseling, transitional housing, low-income veteran housing, transportation, and a food pantry. They rely heavily on grants and donations to provide much-needed services in the area.

Cathy’s House is the first of its kind in this rural

area of Massachusetts. It has been designed to offer a healing environment from which women veterans can overcome personal challenges and gain the benefits from a life of balanced wellness. Part of this goal involves the development of several therapeutic gardens on the grounds of the home.

One hundred percent of all funds hopefully received through this grant application will be applied to the therapeutic garden project to purchase items, including garden tools, soil, plants, seeds, and a small shed to house the gardening supplies. The Unit recognizes that the grant will only support those items with a life of more than one year. Therefore, the Unit’s contribution will support the purchase of seeds, bug spray, and sod. The Unit’s funds, in combination with the Foundation’s support will be used to purchase a bench and plaque to identify the combined donation for the project. The bench will also provide a place to reflect and renew for the residents. Bushes, flowering shrubs and small trees will be purchased and installed. In the future, additional donations from community groups will expand this area of the garden.

Devens’ impact on Winchendon questioned

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WINCHENDON — Planning Director Tracy Murphy recently attended an event designed to explore the economic impact of Devens on communities surrounding the so-called “regional enterprise zone.” The nearly seven-square-mile zone was administered as the U.S. Army’s Fort Devens from 1917 until ceasing

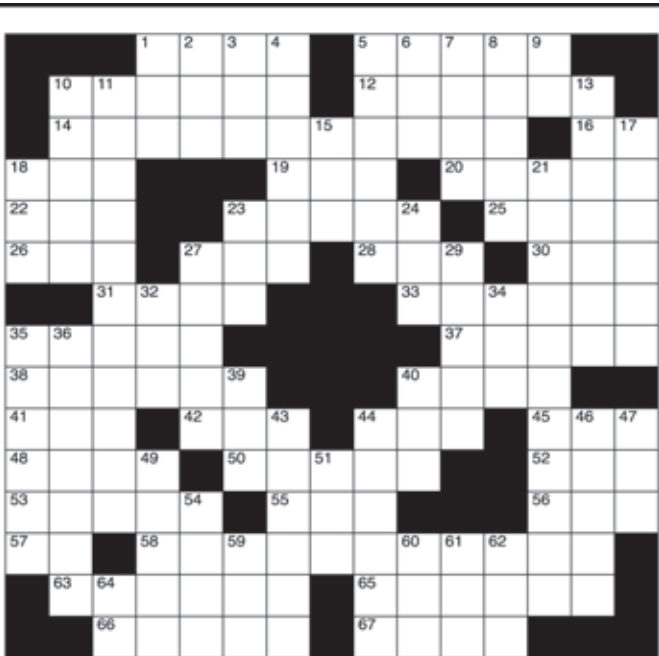
operations as a military facility in 1996.

MassDevelopment subsequently purchased most of the property at a cost of \$17 million. Other groups acquiring property included the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Shriver Job Corps, Massachusetts National Guard, and Massachusetts Veterans. Over the past 20 years, a number of businesses – ranging from large international corporations

to medium-sized local concerns – have located facilities on the Devens campus.

The enterprise zone is comprised of lands lying within the borders of the towns of Ayer, Shirley, and Harvard. The “community” is pretty much overseen by MassDevelopment, although there have been efforts to establish Devens as its own

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Chinese mountain range
 - 5. Adjust
 - 10. Mad Men’s Don
 - 12. Mali capital
 - 14. One who restores
 - 16. __ & J
 - 18. Defunct PlayStation game
 - 19. __ King Cole, musician
 - 20. Rock fragments
 - 22. Breeze through
 - 23. Languishes
 - 25. German courtesy title
 - 26. Bunko game
 - 27. War film “__ Boot”
 - 28. Title of respect
 - 30. He “sang” with Rob
 - 31. Abba __, Israeli politician
 - 33. Erase
 - 35. It’s a wrap
 - 37. Has required courage
 - 38. Spoke
 - 40. Monetary unit
 - 41. Scatter
 - 42. Pouch
 - 44. Have already done
 - 45. They ring receipts
 - 48. Fixed charges
 - 50. Hell
 - 52. Pay this before leaving
 - 53. Alternating turns on the roads
 - 55. Pick up
 - 56. Wrath
 - 57. Northeast
 - 58. She launched “Just Say No”
 - 63. Cigar
 - 65. Frozen spike
 - 66. Unusual
 - 67. Type of number

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. David Alan Grier
 - 2. Someone who copies the words or behavior of another
 - 3. Franklin is one
 - 4. Where rockers play
 - 5. Reduces
 - 6. Datong Yungang Airport
 - 7. Andy’s partner
 - 8. A way to dry
 - 9. Taka
 - 10. Large constellation
 - 11. Regrow
 - 13. What a surgeon does
 - 15. Cool!
 - 17. Indigenous people of N. Africa
 - 18. Goes great with cheese
 - 21. Contains allusions
 - 23. A supporter
 - 24. __ Caesar, comedian
 - 27. Some are great
 - 29. Interpreted
 - 32. Hits a pitch
 - 34. Local area network
 - 35. Soaking
 - 36. Stimulates
 - 39. Dash
 - 40. Female sibling
 - 43. Annul
 - 44. Scattered fragments
 - 46. Chili con __
 - 47. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
 - 49. Adult male
 - 51. Not night
 - 54. Starch
 - 59. Zero
 - 60. French coins
 - 61. Ventilator
 - 62. Greatest common divisor
 - 64. Touchdown





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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, MAY 16
12:07-12:55 a.m.: building checks, secure; 7:49 a.m.: investigation (Memorial Drive) info taken; 8:21 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Memorial Drive) advised officer; 9:36 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street) assisted; 10:36 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street) assisted; 10:56 a.m.: investigation (Central Street) no PD service required; 11:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) refer to ACO; 11:57 a.m.: ambulance (Grove Street) transport; 5:56 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street) spoken to; 6:05 p.m.: harassment (Mechanic Street) spoken to; 6:09 p.m.: custody dispute (Elmwood Road) spoken to; 7:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street) spoken to; 7:47 p.m.: property lost (Central Street) assisted; 8:53 p.m.: wires down (Pleasant Street) refer to other agency; 9:17 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 11:42 p.m.: building check, secure.

TUESDAY, MAY 17
12:19-1:51 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:56 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 1:20 a.m.: suspicious MV (Beech Street) info taken; 6:32 a.m.: suspicious MV (Main Street) secure; 7:38 a.m.: animal complaint (Holly Drive) refer to ACO; 8:47 a.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street) no PD service required; 8:56 a.m.: recovered property (Mechanic Street) seized; 9:32 a.m.: property found (Krantz Road) report taken; 10:46 a.m.: FD call (Town Farm Road) call canceled; 11:17 a.m.: warrant check (Mill Street) arrest: John S. Gray Jr., age 27 of 12 Mill St. #3, Winchendon: based on three warrants; 2:30 p.m.: investigation (Woodlawn Street) spoken to; 2:35 p.m.: investigation (Mill Street) spoken to; 3:39 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Glen Road) transport; 4:38 p.m.: disturbance, fight (Alger Street) spoken to; 5:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Railroad Street) gone on arrival; 6:11 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Mechanic Street) spoken to; 8:40 p.m.: suspicious person (Railroad Street) spoken to; 9:19 p.m.: noise complaint (Pine Street) spoken to; 10:21 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 11:27-11:57 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:31 p.m.: ambulance (School Street) transport.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
12:28-1:44 a.m.: building checks, secure; 5:45 a.m.: burglar alarm



Offender update

WINCHENDON — Steven Morse, age 49, who is listed as a level 3 sex offender with the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board, has moved to 15 Front St.

Morse, who is five feet, 11 inches tall, with brown hair and brown eyes, is not currently wanted for any crimes by authorities.

He was convicted in July, 1996 of indecent assault and battery on a person aged 14 or older.

(Elmwood Road) false alarm; 6:45 a.m.: suspicious person (Gardner Road) returned to home; 7:34 a.m.: DPW call (Spring Street) referred; 8:42 a.m.: noise complaint (Vine Street) call canceled; 9:36 a.m.: harassment (Goodrich Drive) refer to court; 10 a.m.: sex offender registration (Glenallan Street) info taken; 10:55 a.m.: investigation (Memorial Drive) spoken to; 11:13 a.m.: investigation (West Street) spoken to; 11:30 a.m.: keep the peace (Alger Street) assisted; 11:53 a.m.: ambulance (Toy Town Lane) transport; 12:18 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Baldwinville Fire Station) services rendered; 12:20 p.m.: assist other agency (Pearl Drive) assisted; 1:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street) report taken; 3:04 p.m.: noise complaint (Maple Street) spoken to; 3:09 p.m.: suspicious MV (Grove Street) spoken to; 5:20 p.m.: harassment (Spruce Street) report taken; 5:29 p.m.: officer wanted (River Street) report taken; 5:49 p.m.: investigation (Spruce Street) no PD service required; 6:17 p.m.: investigation (Spruce Street) spoken to; 6:32 p.m.: fraud (Prospect Street) report taken; 6:39 p.m.: suspicious other (Central Street) services rendered; 6:46 p.m.: suspicious MV (Lakeview Drive) advised officer; 6:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road) refer to ACO; 7:09 p.m.: assist other PD (Pearl Drive) services rendered; 7:38 p.m.: animal complaint (Town Farm Road) refer to ACO; 7:48 p.m.: ATV complaint (Elmwood Road) unable to locate; 7:54 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street) refer to ACO; 9:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street) spoken to.

THURSDAY, MAY 19
12-2:05 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:14 a.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street) spoken to; 12:15 a.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) services rendered; 12:36 a.m.: intoxicated person (Baldwinville

State Road) services rendered; 12:39 a.m.: suspicious MV (Spring Street) info taken; 9:50 a.m.: suspicious other (Royalston Road South) secure; 11:53 a.m.: assist citizen (Hale Street) advised civil action; 1:15 p.m.: illegal dumping (Lincoln Avenue Extension) refer to DPW; 2:58 p.m.: MV stop (Lincoln Avenue) traffic citation; 3:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street) refer to ACO; 3:52 p.m.: MV stop (River Street) verbal warning; 3:59 p.m.: larceny (Summer Drive) report taken; 4:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Benjamin Street) 209A served to defendant; 4:58 p.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Drive) secured building; 5:07 p.m.: ambulance (Monomonac Road East) transport; 7:41 p.m.: animal complaint (Elmwood Road) refer to ACO; 8:30 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Royalston Road North) false alarm; 8:53 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street) secured building; 10:03 p.m.: suspicious MV (Central Street) no PD service required.

FRIDAY, MAY 20
12:17-2:19 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:37 a.m.: suspicious MV (School Street) secure; 3:14 a.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street) spoken to; 5:35 a.m.: accident (School Street) report taken; 8:05 a.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Royalston Road North) false alarm; 8:25 a.m.: assist other agency (Pearl Drive) assisted; 8:26 a.m.: investigation (Juniper Street) unable to locate; 8:36 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) refused assistance; 11:54 p.m.: building check, secure; 11:57 p.m.: transport (Railroad Street).

SATURDAY, MAY 21
12:14-12:46 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:43 a.m.: transport (Front Street); 12:59 a.m.: assist citizen (Spruce Street) transport; 1:13 a.m.: noise complaint (Woodlawn Street) no cause

for complaint; 1:16 a.m.: fight (Spring Street) no PD service required; 11:25 a.m.: FD call (Elmwood Road) area search negative; 11:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street) spoken to; 11:42 a.m.: larceny (Cottage Street) report taken; 12:56 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street) call canceled; 1:13 p.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock Avenue) false alarm; 2:20 p.m.: FD call (Alger Street) services rendered; 3:03 p.m.: general info (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 3:09 p.m.: ATV complaint (North Ashburnham Road) gone on arrival; 3:30 p.m.: burglar alarm (Royalston Road North) false alarm; 4:27 p.m.: MV stop (Maple Street) verbal warning; 4:49 p.m.: MV stop (School Street) traffic citation; 6:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Converse Drive) spoken to; 6:48 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) services rendered; 7:50 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) spoken to; 8:46 p.m.: suspicious person (Lincoln Avenue Extension) info taken; 8:56 p.m.: suspicious MV (Rice Road) secure; 9:32 p.m.: animal complaint (West Street) report taken; 11:15 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ash Street) spoken to; 11:24 p.m.: investigation (School Street) no cause for complaint; 11:26 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning.

SUNDAY, MAY 22
12:12-1:23 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:38 a.m.: MC stop (Lake Denison) spoken to; 1:49 a.m.: officer wanted (walk in) removed to hospital; 2:57 a.m.: assault (Lakeview Drive) spoken to; 3:24 a.m.: threats (Happy Hollow Road) report taken; 4:40 a.m.: noise complaint (Cedar Terrace) spoken to; 4:17 a.m.: transport (Green Street, Gardner); 7:06 a.m.: intoxicated person (Cedar Terrace) transport; 7:20 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 10:44 a.m.: MC stop (Spring Street) arrest: Krystal K. Hubbard, age 29 of 73 Monadnock Ave., Winchendon: based on warrant & operating MV with license suspended; 12:31 p.m.: ATV complaint (North Ashburnham Road) services rendered; 12:36 p.m.: be on the lookout (phone) advised officer; 12:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Lincoln Avenue) refer to ACO; 1:44 p.m.: noise complaint (North Vine Street) spoken to; 2:05 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street) refer to ACO; 4:11 p.m.: property found (Central Street) info taken; 4:30 p.m.: property lost (Central Street) info taken; 5:24 p.m.: missing person (Madison Avenue) assisted; 5:36 p.m.: unwanted party (Central Street) spoken to; 6:16 p.m.: dog bite (Washington Avenue) refer to ACO; 8:39 p.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville State Road) secure; 11:49-11:58 p.m.: building checks, secure.

Clyde visits Broadview



Courtesy photos

At left: Officer Jim Wironen holds Clyde in place with a hand command as Chief Dave Walsh explains the K9 program.

At right: Clyde watches Officer Jim Wironen closely for his next command, as residents of Broadview Assisted Living also watch the demonstration.



for the many jobs he will be able to help the Winchendon Police Department do in the future.

Clyde, who was purchased with a grant, was named by the students at Toy Town Elementary School last fall in honor of the town's mascot, the Toy Town horse.

Winning...and more...

Let's begin this week by congratulating the Murdock Lady Devils varsity softball team for bouncing back from last year's 5-15 debacle to clinch their eighth playoff berth in nine years. This was the end result of a stabilized rotation, freshman Emily Smith and junior Sydnie St. Pierre turning in repeated solid efforts, proving yet again whether you're talking high school softball or major league baseball, it all starts with pitching. Add to that an offense prone to explosive innings and you have the recipe for winning. Like play-off teams are supposed to do on every level of every sport, Murdock feasted on weaker opponents on the schedule to create some cushion against the inevitable struggles when facing top-tier teams. You play who you play and the Lady Devils this spring got the program back to where it's accustomed to being — playing meaningful games in June. I just wish, and I know I have plenty of company in this wish, that I could hand-pick who can

and can't come to the games.

A lot of people go to football games in Washington and if you buy into a poll recently conducted by the local paper there, nine out of ten Native Americans surveyed have no problem with the name of the NFL team. "Redskins" according to this poll, isn't offensive to an overwhelming majority. I haven't seen the methodology of the poll but I've long believed that the names of sports teams really shouldn't be more than a blip on the social radar. Aren't there more important issues to debate and try to resolve? If the Redskins suddenly morphed into the Senators, what tangible difference would that make in the tragic percentages of substance abuse, unemployment and other issues confronting Native Americans? Sometimes symbolic moves matter and sometimes, as in the case of sports team names, they don't. Save your moral indignation for important things — maybe like the way the NFL is still largely treating domestic violence and head injuries?

Baseball reaches its first traditional milestone Monday: Memorial Day, and maybe the biggest surprise so far have been the Philadelphia Phillies, who are hanging right there with the Nats and Mets in the NL East. Sometimes those kind of teams get an early taste of winning which breeds confidence and they carry it through the summer and into September. I can't see the Phils doing it, but that's the whole point. You don't see it until it happens. Still...this team? Nah. The O's and Sox are far more plausible. At least the Sox are.

Racing will have no Triple Crown winner in 2016. Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist, having never run on it before, probably didn't think much of the sloppy surface at cold and rainy Pimlico last Saturday and certainly didn't help his cause any by contributing to the fastest first quarter-mile in Preakness history. Exaggerator meanwhile, was the proverbial duck-in-water, repeating his affinity for the slop. He cruised in the dank,

wet, messy Santa Anita Derby, California's premier Triple Crown prep, and equally relished the same conditions in Baltimore. Add to that the lightning fast fractions of the race's early going and the thing was a perfect set-up for him. Wet tracks sometimes doom really good horses. A Preakness Day deluge in 1972 probably cost Derby and future Belmont Stakes winner Riva Ridge (a stablemate of Secretariat) the Triple Crown when he showed utter disdain for the surface and lost to a horse named Bee Bee Bee, whose most notable wins had come at the minor-league Maryland State Fair. In fact, because Riva so loathed the slop, crummy weather in New York in September 1973, cost Secretariat a win when, untrained, he had to sub for Riva at the last minute in the prestigious Woodward simply because it rained, meaning Riva was staying home. The jury is still out, though, on whether Nyquist would be able to handle an off-track if he didn't go so fast early. I'd cer-



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tainly give him another shot.

Here's what else happened at Pimlico: two horses competing in earlier races died, one evidently from cardiac arrest, the other after an in-race injury. These are tragic. It doesn't matter if the fatality is a famous horse like Ruffian or a bottom-level claimer at Evangeline Downs. It's still tragic. Equine medicine has been making enormous advances but sadly, sometimes there's nothing which can be done. What's encouraging is the research progress that's being made and encouraging as well has been the increased recognition that retired horses deserve the same dignity and treatment they received as racers. Keeping those in mind helps soften the blow of tragedy. See you next week.



OBITUARIES

Raymond Joseph Gagne, 83

FITCHBURG — Raymond Joseph Gagne, age 83, died May 20, 2016 at his home, surrounded by his family, after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Pauline M. (Bourgault) Gagne; his daughter, Michelle Ann Johndrow and her husband, Michael of Northbridge; two grandchildren, Madison Chevarie and Lucas Chevarie, both of Westminster; two sisters, Louise Touchette of Fitchburg, and Rita Touchette of Hilton Head, SC; and many nieces and nephews.

Ray is predeceased by one brother, Wilfred Gagne; and a sister, Dorothy Card.

Ray was born in Fitchburg on April 9, 1933, a son of the late Eugene J. and Margaret (Facey) Gagne. He was a 1950 graduate of Fitchburg High School. Ray served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean War as a corporal. He worked in the maintenance department for the former Crocker Burbank, James River and the Weyerhaeuser paper companies.

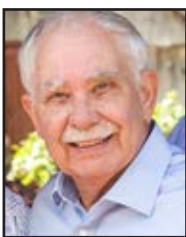
Ray was a member of the Marine Corps League, a 50 plus year member of the Gardner Elks, and a proud member of the AF and AM Masons. In addition, he belonged to the Artisan Lodge

in Winchendon, was Master of both the Artisan Lodge and St. Paul's; Ray was also former District Deputy.

Ray loved playing Santa Claus for over 30 years; it gave him such great joy every year seeing all the smiling faces of the children. He had his pilot's license, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, tinkering in the garage, working on cars. He raced cars and motorcycles in his younger days. Ray especially loved to spend time with his grandchildren and being out in the garage with Lucas teaching him how to fix things.

Ray's funeral was held Wednesday, May 25, 2016 in the Westminster Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Home, 123 Main St., Westminster. Burial followed in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

At Ray's request in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to be made to the Health Alliance Home Health and Hospice, 60 Hospital Rd., Leominster, MA 01453.



Steven H. Hjelm, 71

ASHBURNHAM — Steven H. Hjelm, age 71, of 113 Old Ashby Road, died peacefully Monday morning, May 23, 2016 in The Highlands, Fitchburg.

He was born in Peterborough, NH on Jan. 25, 1945, son of the late Waino and Tynne (Dickley) Hjelm and graduated from Cushing Academy and Syracuse University in 1967 with a major in art. Steve was a lifelong resident of Ashburnham.

Steve worked as an occupational therapist in the mental health field in Gardner and Leominster until recently. Steve was also a water color artist, who did many paintings at art shows throughout New England and locally. A talented weaver, Steve had his work exhibited at the Sharon Art Center years ago. An avid outdoorsman, Steve loved skiing, golfing, biking and fishing. He was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. He believed in conservation and had sold property to the Massachusetts Wildlife

Fish and Game Society. He also enjoyed Sunday saunas and gardening.

He leaves his wife of 42 years, Claire L. (Logan) Hjelm; three sons, Craig L. Hjelm and his wife Glenna of Ashburnham, Scott D. Hjelm and his wife Leslie of Somers, CT and Steven L. Hjelm and his wife Megan of Leominster; three granddaughters, Kaija, Annika and Anja Hjelm; six grandsons, Bryce, Logan, Griffin, Hayden, Davin and Lukas Hjelm; two sisters, Nancy Hemlin of Laconia NH and Phyllis Geiger of Maryland, a close cousin Virginia Brackett of Rindge and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 11 a.m. in Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Oncology Unit at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, 330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

Tara Lynne Richard, 46



GILFORD NH — Tara Lynne Richard, age 46, passed away Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Riverside Rest Home in Dover, NH, where she has resided for the last three years after suffering a stroke in December 2003. She spent time at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, CMC in Manchester, Crocheted Mountain in Greenfield, Lowell Health Care Center in Lowell, and the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen.

Tara was born on Nov. 14, 1969 in Laconia, the daughter of James A. Richard of Pennsylvania and Jean Flagg Gray of Gilford. Tara graduated from Gilford schools and went on to graduate with degrees in accounting. She loved her cats, Dusty and Speedy.

She was an avid fan of the Patriots, the Red Sox, NASCAR and she loved watching wrestling.

Tara is survived by her mother and father, her twin sister Tricia Anne Sweeney and her husband David and their son, John David Sweeney, all of Winchendon. She is also survived by her brother, Michael A Richard and his son Kenny M Richard, and Tara's brother Kenneth John Richard and his wife Jennifer all of Strafford.

A memorial service was held also at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia on Wednesday, May 25. Burial followed in the family lot at Union Cemetery, Academy Street, Laconia.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Crocheted Mountain Rehab Center at One Verney Drive, Greenfield N.H. 03047 .

Diana (Renda) Lawrence



NEWTON — Diana (Renda) Lawrence of Newton, died May 17, 2016.

She is survived by her beloved husband Ray Lawrence. She is the mother of Donna Peel and her husband Woody of Northbridge,

Robert Lawrence and his wife Carrieann of Wareham, Danielle Thomason and her husband Tommy of Winchendon, Alexandra Rufo and her husband Tim of Newton. Sister of Theresa Tomaino of Franklin. Predeceased by her mother Donna Smith, her father Domenic

Renda and her son Zachary Lawrence. She is also survived by her stepfather David Smith, 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren and many godchildren.

Diana was mother and grandmother by heart to Stephanie and her children. Considered by all to be Mother of the World.

Funeral service May 21 in Second Church in Newton, 60 Highland St. Burial Private.

Andrew J. Magni & Son Funeral Home, Newton www.magnifuneral-home.com was entrusted with arrangements.



A few changes could mean longer life

REGION — The secret to a long life isn't necessarily found in the bottom of a yogurt container, at least that isn't the secret according to Tony Buettner of Blue Zones®. Buettner shared global research focusing on nine essential lifestyle elements of people in areas with a high rate of longevity in presentation at the Quabbing Retreat in Petersham earlier this month.

The free event, attended by approximately 75 area residents and leaders, was followed by a Q&A session and refreshments based on appetizers from the Blue Zones cookbook. In 2004, Tony's brother

Tony Buettner explains the research on Blue Zones.

er and business partner, Dan Buettner, teamed with National Geographic and the world's best longevity researchers to identify pockets around the world where people live measurably longer and better. In these "Blue Zones" they found that people reach age 100 at rates 10 times greater than in the United States. After identifying five of the world's Blue Zones, Dan and National Geographic took teams of scientists to each location to identify lifestyle characteristics that might explain longevity. They found that the lifestyles of all Blue Zones residents shared nine specific characteristics, referred to as the Power 9®.

Dan's subsequent book, The Blue Zones, hit the New York

Times best-seller list and took Blue Zones everywhere from Oprah to TED to Bill Clinton's Health Matters Initiative. The success prompted a new challenge: could we improve health and longevity in the US?

In 2009, Blue Zones partnered with AARP and the United Health Foundation to apply the Power 9 principles to Albert Lea, MN. It worked: after just one year, participants added an estimated 2.9 years to their average lifespan while healthcare claims for city worker dropped 49 percent. Harvard's Walter Willett called the results 'stunning'.

For more information on Blue Zones, visit <https://www.bluezones.com>.

Teach money skills to your tween-ager this summer

According to a 2014 University of Michigan Study, the average high school senior – who may already be juggling a part-time job in addition to their school-work– knows little about saving or proper money management.

In fact, they spend most of what they earn on entertainment and clothing – a pretty bad precedent for young adults heading off to college and the working world. At that age, the money young teens earn in the summer usually comes from parents for household chores like mowing the lawn. Most parents never have a discussion with their kids about how to spend or save that money. Young teens generally don't think about whether something is a "want" or a "need" — it is typically a want, which would be spent on a game, candy or comics.

If you're the parent of a 12-14-year-old, that might give you pause – or provide a great opportunity to make a difference. Consider using this summer to stop your child's bad money habits before they kick in. After all, even though most middle schoolers are shy of legal working age, many begin to work at odd jobs that are starting to put money in their pockets you don't see.

Consider these steps for an informal summer money curriculum:

Introduce – or reinforce – the "Needs vs. Wants" talk. Maybe your child has a spending goal for the summer – new clothes, maybe a smartphone. It's all about intelligent money management, even if the goal is somewhat short-term. The "needs vs. wants" talk is all about delayed gratification, the foundational behavior of healthy money management. Link it to smart shopping, encouraging the teen to price-compare purchases, gather coupons and come up with other ways to save in print and online. It's also not a bad idea to let your child start suggesting thoughtful purchases



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when grocery shopping for your family. Before he or she can drive, you'll have a chance to discuss choices and spending while you're both in the store.

If they're not working, give them an opportunity to earn. If your middle schooler isn't picking up a few dollars babysitting or doing chores, come up with an earning opportunity for the summer. It could mean cleaning out the basement or garage or a project around the house that they can handle. It will provide you both with an opportunity to talk about what he or she will do with that extra income. If your child has an entrepreneurial spirit, encourage converting a hobby into a summer business. If they show empathy to help others, suggest they donate their time to help elderly neighbors with simple yard work.

Introduce the 'bucket' system. It's

hard to know what to save, spend, give or invest without a system. That's as true for adults as it is for kids. The "50-25-25" rule refers to setting aside 50 percent for everyday, non-discretionary expenses like school lunches or transportation, another 25 percent for savings and the remainder for discretionary purchases, better known as the latest smartphone your young teen says she or he can't live without. If your middle schooler still doesn't have a banking relationship, it's a good time to get started. A custodial checking account will allow you to see how your child is handling money and debit cards are a reliable means of tracking every cent. Also, for savings, you'll have the opportunity to introduce him or her to price-comparing accounts for features, savings rates and usage fees. Banking relationships should be treated like any smart purchase.

Discuss making a budget. Remind your children that if they want to maximize any part of the 50-25-25 system, they need to learn how to find value and stick to a budget. Most importantly, they need to know how to track their spending so they can stay within a budget. The number of mobile apps that allow people young and old to track their spending grows each year. Whether it's pen and

paper or technology, let the teen find a budgeting solution they like. They'll be more inclined to use it and stick to a budget.

Consider being more transparent about your finances. There's no single right answer to the question of how much you should tell your children about your own finances, but keep in mind that they learn by both good and bad examples. It's important for young teens to know that anyone – even the most important adults in their lives – can make a great financial decision or a mistake. Speak openly about money, with the appropriate safeguards for personal and family privacy. Find a way to make your personal experiences part of the summer money conversation.

Bottom line: Middle schoolers may grumble they don't have access to the car keys or the cool clothes and technology that the older kids do. But they do have something more valuable – time to learn critical lessons about money. Use this summer to build their financial knowledge for a lifetime.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

Carla J. Fletcher 1924-2015 ~ A Dedication

You are invited to an afternoon set aside to recognize and celebrate the life of a very special woman, Carla Fletcher. She was taken from us far too soon but she left a mark on each of us that will live on. Help us recognize Carla's many contributions to our community, civic organizations and her church at this dedication gathering.

Saturday, June 4, 2016 • Clark Memorial YMCA • Central St., Winchendon, MA
3:00pm: Dedication of the Walk Track
 Followed by a group walk to Carla's church
United Parish, 39 Front Street, Winchendon, MA
4:00pm: Songs & celebration dedication of the Carillon.
Light refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the dedications



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Lady Devils await playoff seed

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Having clinched a post-season berth for the program's eighth appearance in the last nine years, the Murdock Lady Devils are awaiting the draw for playoff seedings, which will take place next Tuesday.

Murdock guaranteed a return to Districts after a one-year absence following seven straight qualifying seasons with a 23-4 rout at North Brookfield last Friday.

North Brookfield had taken an early 2-0 lead and MHS coach Mike Fontaine acknowledged he was pretty annoyed.

"We were flat. I barked a little. I don't know if that made any difference, but we picked it up from there."

Indeed they did, scoring 13 runs in the third inning and 10 more in the fourth to assure the team's 10th win of the season, double last spring's total. Senior Haley Jandris homered and sophomore Molly Murphy drilled a pair of triples to lead the offense.

"They worked together as a team all year. They believed in themselves. They picked each other up and they have a lot to be proud of," said Fontaine. "This team has real leadership. Sydnie St. Pierre — you couldn't ask for anything more in

a captain. On Monday, she was really not feeling well, said to me she wasn't sure she was going to be able to stay in school past lunchtime. But, being Sydnie, she stuck it out and even though she wasn't feeling great, she showed up and played. She'll come early and take lots of ground balls — that's leadership."

On Saturday, there might have been a trace of a post-clinching let-down when the Lady Devils made the short run over to Gilman-Waite field in Baldwinville where they lost, 8-2, to a Narragansett team which needed the win to qualify for Districts. 'Gansett freshman Mallory

LeBlanc fanned 12 hitters while yielding just three MHS hits. Jandris and Lindsey Smith scored for Murdock. Trailing 5-0 after three innings, Jandris reached on an error and scored on a grounder from freshman Jocelyn Garner. Smith led off the fifth with a walk and eventually scored on a Murphy base hit.

Fontaine was pleased with the effort of freshman pitcher Emily Smith on a cool, breezy day. "She's very smart and she's coming along. After she gets through the batting order once, she knows what to throw and what to stay away from."

Monday, the Lady

Devils fell behind again, and while they made a mild rally, wound up on the wrong end of a 13-6 game against Quabbin.

Trailing 11-0, Murdock declined to throw in the towel and came back with five runs in the home fifth. St. Pierre, Maria Polcari, Murphy, Jandris, and Deanna Polcari all tallied. Maria Polcari scored the final run in the sixth.

"They don't quit. It was nice to see a little rally," Fontaine reflected. "They may be tired, but they don't quit."

"As a team, they've improved a lot. I was hoping to improve on last year by a few wins (MHS was 5-15 in 2015)

but they did a lot better than that. That's why I like coaching so much — seeing kids improve and work hard at getting better. Tatum (senior Mahoney) has been doing what Syd has — taking extra infield. That says something to everyone else. That's what I mean about why I like doing this," said Fontaine.

"It's fun to watch them work and see them get better," he reiterated.

The Lady Devils wrapped up the regular season at Ayer Tuesday and hosted Quaboag Wednesday night (full coverage next week) before finding out their post-season seeding and schedule.

Honored for academics, coxswain hails from Winchendon

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — Winchendon native Kelsey Regan, a rising senior at WPI, has been named to the National Invitational Rowing Championship All-Academic team for 2016, an honor requiring no less than a 3.35 GPA.

"The award is given to students who are able to balance a heavy school workload and play a varsity sport," she noted, adding, "I found that rowing has helped me develop leadership skills, improved my organization and taught me when to take risks."

Regan was reflecting on her college

Courtesy photo

Surrounded by some of her rowing 'brothers', Kelsey Regan holds one of the trophies won by the WPI crew team.

career as a coxswain on the men's team, who's majoring in mechanical engineering with a business minor at the Worcester school.

Regan came by rowing naturally. "My cousins were captains of the team before I started and they told me I would be loud enough to be a coxswain and convinced me to join the team," she laughed. "I needed something else to do to fill my time at WPI and thought crew was a unique sport. Being a coxswain was perfect for me because you have to be small and assertive. Telling eight people larger than you what to do is not an easy task," she pointed out, though she's been doing it since her freshman year.

Being on a men's team? "It's like having eight brothers. They can be immature, but there is always a light and positive attitude that makes me

laugh and enjoy the time I spend at the boathouse," Regan said.

And what about those early morning hours for which rowing is famous or perhaps infamous? "We're lucky. We practice around 4 p.m. every day. We spend 2-3 hours on Lake Quinsigamond six days a week not including races. The earliest we got up was when we were in Florida for spring training. We got up at 5 in the morning then."

Rowing has been fun but there's just one more year of that, and Regan is looking ahead.

"I'd like to become an engineering manager although I'm not exactly sure what field I want to go into. Right now I'm working in research and development at Tyco in Cranston (Rhode Island), but I'm interested in aerospace engineering as well," she remarked.

Blue Devils building for the future

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It wasn't a rout by the Maynard Tigers despite the 14-2 score May 18 at Memorial Field; and Coach Bob Polcari is still pleased with the progress being made by his young team.

In game play, immediately in the first inning the Tigers jumped out to a 2-0 lead, then tacked on three more runs in the top of the third.

Finally, in the bottom of the third Jack Polcari and Keagan Murphy would make it onto base, and Will Iannacone would manage two RBIs to cut the lead to 5-2.

Maynard had a huge inning

in the sixth though, when they exploded for five runs to take the 14-2 lead, and that would remain the score to the finish.

Joe Curtin got the start in this one, pitching four and a third innings with two strikeouts, eight hits and eight earned runs. Calvin Clinkscale would come on in relief for the final two and two-thirds innings and had one strikeout, seven hits and six earned runs.

Offensively for the Blue Devils, Iannacone went two for three with two singles and two RBIs; Polcari went one for three with a double and Murphy had one for three with a single.

Polcari said, "Early

on, even the first four or five innings, we played some really good ball and one inning we strung together three hits. That was excellent, we have been dying for that all year, we're getting the bats going finally."

"We were a little low on pitching and it eventually shook out there," he continued. "But we had five innings of great baseball and lost two innings. We didn't play as well as we needed to."

He noted that he had middle school players on the field, and is planning his team play for the future.

"I had four middle schoolers playing and they held their own. I'm proud of them. They had some tough plays but did a good job."

"I don't know how to get over the hump at the moment, but we just have to keep plowing ahead. Our bats are much better than they were at the beginning of the year, we're much

more aggressive at the plate and the ball is coming off the bats better because of that," he said.

"It's one pitch at a time, and we are building for the future," he stressed.

This afternoon the Blue Devils are scheduled to meet the Monty Tech Bull Dogs for senior day. This will make game number seven in the past nine days.

Winchendon Pop Warner registration

It's time again for registration for both youth football and cheering.

Dates:

Tuesday, May 31 5-7:30 p.m. at the Clark Memorial YMCA second floor lobby

Saturday, June 18 9 a.m.-3 p.m. during Summer Solstice YMCA-WPW booth

Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bentley Field, Grove Street, across from Toy Town Elementary during Little League Field Day

Saturday, July 30 at the Jaffrey Riverfest Celebration at the Winchendon Pop Warner booth

Online registration is also available at www.winchendonpopwarner.com.

Information:

Equipment & uniforms provided by organization

Teams based on age & weight; cheer teams based on age

Teams 5-11 for football (New Hampshire residents up to 14) and 5-15 for cheer as of July 31, 2016.

Season begins Aug. 1

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Athletes of the Week

GIRLS

Senior Haley Jandris, playing her final regular season game on the school field, kept the Lady Devils rally going Monday with a key bases-loaded hit against Quabbin. In addition, she made a couple diving catches of foul pops - one at Narragansett Saturday and again on Monday when she crashed into the fence but held on to the ball.

BOYS

Will Iannacone went two-for-three with two singles and two RBI against the Maynard Tigers.

(Editor's Note: it was Alec Barrows who was honored last week with AOW. The Courier misspelled his name.)

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Murdock senior Deanna Polcari was honored as a member of the All-Academic Senior Girls Team by the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association. She is pictured with Murdock basketball coach Jim Abare.

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CONCERT

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off by YouTube sensation Rachel Platten’s hit “Fight Song.” This last song gave Nobaleigh Laraba and Karylitz Colon the opportunity to showcase their talents (while giving the audience the privilege of sharing them) as they shared soloist responsibilities.

The seventh and eighth grade chorus followed with songs that included the Lumineers’ “Ho Hey” and Carrie Underwood’s “Blown Away.” Bruno Mars’ “Grenade,” which reached #1 on Billboard magazine’s “Hot 100” in January 2011, completed the set. Kayla McMaster impressed as soloist.

All middle school choraleers took the stage to perform “Alleluia Incantations” by Andrew Miller. Soloists Jessica Higbee and Breanna St. Pierre offered impressive performances.

The high school chorus took the stage to offer up “Now is the Month of Maying,” penned in 1595 by English composer Thomas Morley. That was followed by “Unwritten,” the title cut from Natasha Bedingfield’s hit 2004 album. Kimmie Swanson provided the solo. The performance continued with “Ashokan Farewell” and Jason Mraz’s “I’m Yours,”



Greg Vine photos

In the eery light from the piano spot, accompanist David Ladeau and members of the Chamber Singers are highlighted

which was accentuated by solos from Kaileen Dibble, Jay Pereira, and Morgan Bergeron-Mason. “Good Riddance” was dedicated to the Class of 2016.

The Murdock Chamber Singers, accompanied by pianist David Ladeau, presented a highly entertaining and energetic medley of songs from the hit musical Les Miserables.

All chorus members, from sixth graders through seniors, gathered on stage for the finale. They were joined by about a half-dozen Murdock alum to

perform Carly Simon’s “Let the River Run.”

All of the participants, including Ladeau and musical director Aly Galipeau:

Sixth Grade Chorus: Jamieson LaPlante, Dezzaray Schindler-Roberts, Alani Robinson, Kelsey Boucher, Jasmine Scott, Emma Silvia, Kylie Brow, Chloe St. Peter, Dylan March, Hannah Burns, Katelyn St. Pierre, Jason Jones, Camille Daigle, Rylee Tenney, Karyliz Colon, Tyra Ofosuhene, Madison

Weston, Taisha Tomei, Morgan Eldredge, Maria Vecchiarello, David Howlett, Shawn Gonzalez, Nobaleigh Laraba, Evelyn Haley, Taylor Patterson, Jessica Higbee, Acacia Beauregard, Victoria LeBlanc, Victoria LeBlanc, Arielle Benedict, Tiffany Lin, Lilly Digman, Makeighla Marston, Napoleon Desire.

Seventh & Eighth Grade Chorus: Abigail Leahey, Hannah Lowe, Dominyque Conley, Sage Khauy, Elyse Brady, Alexis Hutchinson, Richard Anderson, Cassandra Burdick, Zachary Cardarelli, Lena Wolski, Patrick Cortis, Natalie Dokulil, Hali Carter-Egan, Lyanna LaFord, ShiAnn Paul, Vanessa Lor, Brook Tenney, Hannah Sparks, Tazcha Manca, Kylee Alden, Paige Spivey, Chase Robidoux, Bekah Bergeron, Faith Tousignant, Abigail Russell, Gabriella Cote, Breanna St. Pierre, Kya Bourgoin, Janessa Heath-Cosentino, Paityn Duffy, Paige LaFrennie, Taylor Peterson, Kayla McMaster, Makenzi Barton Summer Turner, James Murdock, Kaylee Cornwell, Julia LaBrack, Juliana Nolan, Laura Hold, Anna Anderson, Abigail Sohl, Kayla Keating, Julia LaFrennie, Lexis Vautour, Kaitlyn Losurdo, Owen Benedict, Savannah Bouphe.

High School Chorus: Izaria Alcantara, Mya Leslie, Savannah Vilayphone, Kimberly Anderson, Makenzie Lundin, Lisa Williams, Morgan Begeron-Mason, Brandon Murphy, Chris Yang, Elissa Boucher, Jay Pereira, Matthew Casavant, Jeremy Caouette, Dominic Quinones-Chaves, Katelyn Hutton, Kaileen Dibble, Emily Roberts, Hannah Turner, Kaylee Fleurant, Austin St. Peter, Kathryn Lowe, Katie Heacox, Becca Stone, Ian Nault, Kassie Kreidler, Kimmie Swanson, and special guest Laurel Pytko.

Murdock Chamber Singers: Izaria Alcantara, Marisa Losurdo, Maria Polcari, Michaela Benedict, Alexander Marshall, Aidan Provost, Elissa Boucher, Molly Murphy, Emily Smith, Kaileen Dibble, Jack Newbrough, Sean Sutton, Katie Heacox, Jay Pereira.

The evening also gave visitors a chance to view dozens of pieces of artwork generated by Murdock students. Sculpture, perspective drawings, pottery, abstract art, and other pieces decorated the walls and several rooms. The display added visual arts to the broad pallet of talents – many of them too-often hidden from the public at large.

DUAL

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with a disability, he persevered until he could. When told he didn’t swim well enough to become a lifeguard, he self-trained and not only became a lifeguard, but rescued three people who were clinging together for survival amid a rough surf.

When told by a high school guidance counselor he “wasn’t college material” he served the country in the Navy, then went on to earn bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degree while simultaneously working and raising a family on modest means. When he wanted to become a college president, he was told he couldn’t because he was on the “wrong track” – an administrative path rather than an academic path. He is now completing his 29th year as president of MWCC.

“If I can do it, you can do it,” he encouraged the graduates. “Don’t let anyone ever tell you that you can’t do it. Conquer the world. Do for yourself, do for your family, and don’t forget to give back to your community.”

Some of the graduates will remain at MWCC to continue their associate degrees, while many who have already reached that milestone plan to transfer to a public and private college or university. Several of the graduates plan to serve the country in the military or directly enter the workforce.

Bella Ballin of Worcester, who earned an associate degree in liberal arts: chemical science from MWCC two days before receiving her high school diploma, was the Pathways class valedictorian.

“Who would have thought that teens from all different towns and all different backgrounds would come together not only as a cohort or a class but as a family? Right from the start we managed to forge bonds so strong that we didn’t want to stray from each other. As our bonds grew, so did our maturity, adaptability, independence and knowledge,” she said.

This fall, she will transfer to Carnegie Mellon

University to continue her studies in chemistry.

Christian Rossi Jr. of Winchendon, homeschooled prior to enrolling in the Gateway program, graduated from MWCC Wednesday with an associate degree in computer information systems and academic certificates in cyber security and IT support specialist. He plans to transfer this fall to pursue a bachelor’s degree.

He wryly shared that while he thought he was well versed in many topics before enrolling, he came to realize there’s always more to learn, such as the day a classmate had a pizza delivered to the college for dinner rather than packing food.

“Now why I hadn’t thought of that, I cannot say, but I know that I will remember it in case I ever find myself hungry at my next school.”

MWCC’s partnerships with the public school districts represent “the pillars of support for our students,” said Fagan Forhan, assistant dean of K-12 Partnerships and Civic Engagement.

“It is through these partnerships that together, we have built a true community here at MWCC. We have created a place where students feel supported, encouraged and safe. We have built a place where new paths are forged and lives are transformed.”

Local students who are graduates of MWCC Pathways & Gateway Pathways Early College Innovation School Ashburnham: Sara Khan Phillipston: Rachel Stankaitis Templeton: Lucy Rivers Winchendon: Calvin Clinkscale, and Kelsey Schecker

Gateway to College Ashburnham: Taysia Baronowski, and Courtney Ruble

Baldwinville: Emanuel Corbeil, and Coco Fortier Gardner: Kyle Bates, Rene Bergeron, Cassandra Gurney, Leshay Hicks, Jamison Lajoie, Brianna Martinez, Anastasia Panageotes, Nicholas Powell, Maria Torres Vallejo, Pablo Trillas, and Beth Winters Phillipston: Jacob Bancroft Winchendon: Christian Rossi Jr.

MEALS

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“Sometimes he’ll go in and open people’s milk for them or help them heat up the food. For one person, he’ll even take their dog out to do its business. Dave is a life-saver for some of our clients. He goes so far above and beyond. We’re very lucky to have him. He represents the best of the best here. He might be the only human contact some of our clients have all day and seeing him means a lot to them,” Bettro said.

For his part, Tavares said, “I know some people consider Meals on Wheels a blessing. It’s a blessing for me too. I don’t consider this a job. You know I love seeing and talking to the people and if I can make a little difference for them, that’s a good feeling.”

Those meals don’t magically appear, either. Tavares starts his day by going to Gardner to get them and then spends four-plus hours delivering throughout Winchendon. That also means a lot of wear and tear on the vans.

“We bought this one in 2008 through Robinson-Broadhurst and it’s got somewhere around 200,000 miles on it,” Bettro lamented.

“We do everything we can to keep them in good condition but we’re looking for a new van if we can get one,” she added.

Who qualifies to receive meals? That comes from a variety of referrals, primarily medical, but people can self-refer as well.

Bettro worked in Hubbardston before coming to Winchendon about 13 years ago and says she “loves the job. Every day is different. Everyone here does everything, pitching in, and Meals on Wheels is probably the most visible thing we do.”

The overall Meals on Wheels program is run regionally by the Massachusetts Opportunity Council, which has been in business for nearly 50 years, providing a wide range of services. MOC’s Elder Nutrition Program is based at 356 Broad St. in Fitchburg

Bettro said the demand/need tends to spike in the winter.

“It’s harder for people to get out and get around then, more people are sick too, but in the long run, our goal is to see people become more able to fend for themselves if they can and deliver fewer meals if we can. At the same time, we’re glad we can provide help for people who need it.”

JOURNEY

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and, yes, heartbreaking stories out there, all of which deserve to be told. Even with the games I cover, the most interesting stories are by far about the athletes, not the wins or losses. At its core, journalism is about story-telling.

That means getting the real story first, not the sideshow. As an example, the national media tends to focus on what’s commonly called the “horse race” aspect of presidential campaigns, who’s two points up or down on a given day, what some candidate said about another. I, admittedly cyni-

cally, think that’s because editors and producers don’t think people are all that interested in detailed policy debate about NAFTA or NATO and they’re probably right. Viewers and readers, the relatively few of the latter who are left, are substantially more enthralled by Donald Trump’s characterizations of “Little Marco,” “Lyn’ Ted,” and “Crooked Hillary” than they are about watching Bernie and Hillary argue about details of a crime bill from 20-some years ago. Our collective attention span is, shall we say, brief. And shallow.

For those of us in journalism, especially on the print side, that’s frustrating and disheartening

to acknowledge. But this is the reality in the era of social media where reasoned discussion has been swallowed up by a 24/7 barrage of 140-character tweets.

So be it. But that doesn’t absolve this business of its responsibility, so even though we may be swimming upstream against a very heavy current, we have an obligation to get the stories, get them right, and tell the tales of interesting places and people. I obviously can’t speak for what they’re doing at the networks but on the local level, that’s what you do. Or at least you’d better be doing. I know I am. Happy Memorial Day: the unofficial start, finally, of summer. See you next week.



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The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts known and numbered 45 Mechanic Street bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the point in the Easterly line of Mechanic Street at the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Edgar F. Wilson; thence NORTHERLY on said Easterly line of Mechanic Street four and eleven twentieths (4 11/20) rods; thence EASTERLY seven and one-tenths (7 1/10) rods; thence SOUTHERLY five and one-fourth (5 1/4) rods; thence WESTERLY seven (7) rods to said Easterly line of Mechanic Street and the place of beginning.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23792, Page 222.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all

easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

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TO:
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and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.; 50 U.S.C. App. §501 *et seq.*:
U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Winchendon**, numbered **12 Winter Street**, given by **Crystal A. Geslak to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Delta Funding Corp., its successors and assigns.**, dated **May 24, 2005**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of**

Deeds in Book **37039**, Page **257**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **June 20, 2016** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on May 3, 2016
Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

May 27, 2016

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TO:
Scott D. Parkinson
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.; 50 U.S.C. App. §501 *et seq.*:
Nationstar Mortgage, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Winchendon**, numbered **147 Benjamin Street**, given by **Scott D. Parkinson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns**, dated **March 16, 2007**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **40848**, Page **269**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in

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(OM) 14-017823
May 27, 2016

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Christopher S. Driver
Cindy L. Driver
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 *et seq.*: HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for the Ellington Trust Series 2007-2
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A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon situated on the northeasterly side of Ash Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 6 containing 43,605 square feet on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots, prepared for D. M. Industries, Winchendon, MA., Scale 1 in = 60 ft., May 18, 1987" which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 578, Page 40 and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner thereof at point in the easterly sideline of Ash Street and at the southwesterly corner of Lot 7 as shown on said plan hereinabove referred to; Thence N. 74 Degrees 05' 33" E. by Lot 7 as shown on said plan 291.30 feet to a point at land now or formerly of D. M. Industries, Inc.; Thence S. 15 Degrees 54' 27" E. by last named land 150 feet to a point; Thence S. 74 Degrees 05' 33" W. continuing by last named land, 291.30 feet to a point in the easterly sideline of Ash Street; Thence N. 15 Degrees 54' 27" W. by the easterly sideline of Ash Street 150 feet to the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18178, Page 164. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

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**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by David N. Derby and Dale A. Derby to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, dated July 9, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 34126, Page 69, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2004-OPT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-OPT1 by Sand Canyon Corporation f/k/a Option One Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 50048, Page 211; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on June 10, 2016 at 39 Town Farm Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the Westerly side of Town Farm Road in the central part of Winchendon near the Old Center Worcester County, Massachusetts, and shown as Lot "3" on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots prepared for Emmett T. Jeffers et ux, in Winchendon, Mass., Scale: 1 inch= 50 feet, August 28, 1980, Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Mass.", which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 478, Plan 117, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northeasterly corner thereof at an iron pin on a curve in the Westerly line of Town Farm Road at land now or formerly of Paul A. Herr, Jr.; Thence, SOUTHERLY by a curve to the right having a radius of 815.00 feet, by the Westerly line of Town Farm Road, a length of 104.04 feet to a Worcester County Highway Bound at a point of tangency; thence, S. 12 01' 25" E. still by the Westerly line of Town Farm Road, 143.34 feet to an iron pin in the Northeasterly corner of lot "2" on a plan hereinabove referred to and being land now or formerly of Emmett T. Jeffers et ux; thence S 84 16' 08" W. by said Lot "2" and Jeffers land, 516.88 feet to a drill hole in a wall in line of land of Daniel J., Edward P., and Primina M. Petrin; thence, N. 20 54' 45" E. by Petrin land and partly by a wall, 174.25 feet to an iron pin at the Southwesterly corner of land of aforementioned Paul A. Herr, Jr.; thence N. 70 44' 44" E. 264.78 feet to a corner of a wall; thence, N. 73 49' 10" E. mostly by a wall, 150.11 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning. The preceding two (2) courses being by said Herr land. Containing 2.135 acres. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 18198, Page 341.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2004-OPT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-OPT1 Present Holder of said Mortgage,

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May 20, 2016
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**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Christopher Hancock and Teresa Hancock to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, dated December 4, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40309, Page 309 subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 by Sand Canyon Corporation F/K/A Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 50004, Page 307; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on June 3, 2016 at 145 Eagle Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Eagle Road, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot 15, shown on a plan entitled "Benjamin Hill Estates, Winchendon, Mass., Prepared by Joseph R. Henry and Associates, dated December 24, 1986, and revised March 26, 1987" recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 576, Page 16, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description of said parcel. This deed is given subject to the following: 1. Rights and easements granted by A.J. Maillet, Trustee of Quality Homes Realty Trust to Massachusetts Electric Company, dated October 8, 1987, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 10899, Page 296. 2. Rights and easements granted by A.J. Maillet, Inc., to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Massachusetts Electric Company dated November 2, 1987 and recorded with said deeds in Book 10922, Page 207. 3. Rights, restrictions and covenants set forth in Declaration of Protective Covenants and Release by and among Robert P. Smith, et al, dated Sept. 16, 1994 and recorded with said deeds in Book 16619, Page 227. Also granting the right to pass and repass for any and all purposes for which ways are used in the Town of Winchendon over the ways shown on said plan recorded in Plan Book 576, Plan 16, and any revisions thereof to and from Benjamin Street and High Street in said Winchendon. Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed at Book 2780, Page 58.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLAND MORAN PLLC

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May 13, 2016
May 20, 2016
May 27, 2016

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Peter E. Knowlton to Champion Mortgage, A Division of Keybank National Association, dated December 14, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35358, Page 312, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Champion Mortgage, A Division of Keybank National Association to Household Finance Corp II dated February 10, 2007 and recorded with said registry on March 12, 2007 at Book 40800 Page 76 and by assignment from KeyBank National Association formally known as Champion Mortgage, A Division of KeyBank National Association to Household Finance Corp II dated January 8, 2013 and recorded with said registry on January 25, 2013 at Book 50339 Page 341 and by assignment from Household Finance Corporation II to U.S. Bank Trust N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust dated September 25, 2015 and recorded with said registry on October 6, 2015 at Book 54397 Page 78, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 76 Main Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN VILLAGE OF WATERVILLE, IN WINCHENDON, WORCESTER COUNTY, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 17316, PAGE 286, ID# 5D1-50, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM FLORENCE M. BOSWORTH AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 17316 PAGE 286 DATED 09/01/1995 AND RECORDED 09/14/1995, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17316, Page 286.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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“The costs in the budget are proposed at \$33,000. I know we need to do more research on how much is actually provided by families, there is a discount for multiple sports and multiple students from a single family and so on; so we need to look at it more closely,” Vine said.

Superintendent Steven Haddad said varsity girls’ basketball coach Jim Abare and athletic

director Jenna Whitaker were already looking at the situation. Committee member Dawn Harris, who is involved with the Boosters Club, asked if that association could also be included in the discussion and was assured she would be informed of upcoming meetings.

“We are already looking into this, there may be ways to address it,” said Haddad.

The committee also discussed better communication concerning goals,

programs and accomplishments by the school district.

“I hate to say it, but maybe we need to be more proactive, and toot our own horn a bit more,” said Haddad.

He explained the high school has many more advanced placement classes than surrounding high schools, and the more prestigious colleges being attended by graduating Murdock seniors should be made public.

“We have students attending WPI, Harvard...

amazing schools...and going on to have amazing careers. We need to make people understand how very good this school system is and how good the students are,” Haddad said.

The discussion also included information about financing from the state that was favoring regional districts and charter schools; something Haddad said Winchendon could not address by itself.

“I have partnered with associations of smaller,

more rural school districts as we attempt to address some of these issues. It seems Boston is out to try to make all the smaller districts regionalize and that isn’t the answer. It may be what they want, but it isn’t what is best for the smaller school systems,” he said.

Losing autonomy and control over local education was a large piece of why Haddad felt the regional question was not in the best interest of smaller schools.

“And in the case of Winchendon, surrounded as we are by a so many regional systems already, just where would we go? It isn’t an answer for us, we may have to face the issue at some point, but not yet; not now.”

The final interviews for a business manager were scheduled Friday.

Mary Alice Aker has been named as the new assistant principal at Toy Town Elementary School

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town.

On Tuesday, Murphy told members of Winchendon’s Community and Economic Development Steering Committee that some communities struggling to revive their economic fortunes are having difficulty doing so because of Devens and the state’s highly visible role in promoting and attracting business to the area. Clinton officials, she said, find it discouraging to lose new businesses to Devens because the enterprise zone has “pad-ready” sites all set to accommodate new manufacturers, while Clinton has more prep work to do before new businesses can break ground.

Murphy notes, however, that Winchendon isn’t in direct competition with Devens when it comes to business recruitment and retention.

“Devens is important to Winchendon

by virtue of the jobs it potentially creates for Winchendon residents,” she said. “The question on their end is ‘does Winchendon have the people to meet employers’ needs at Devens?’ They have the potential to provide a lot of jobs. Do we have the educated workforce they need to fill a lot positions?”

Murphy said most of the businesses that have located at Devens specialize in the fields of engineering, science, technology – math-heavy industries.

Another issue Winchendon must deal with in order to take advantage of its relatively close proximity to Devens is that of transportation. The two communities lie just over 30 miles from one another, a drive of between 30 and 40 minutes.

“It’s certainly not a long commute,” said Murphy, “but we have not public transportation to speak of. How do we improve that situation.”

“Also, a lot of people are relocating to towns like Winchendon so they can get to a good job without having

to fight traffic and drive long distances. Our relative isolation becomes our strength.”

Murphy and several members of the committee noted that single-family home prices in Winchendon are a great deal more reasonable than they are in communities that are located closer to Devens or Boston, or cities and towns ringing Boston along the Rte. 128 corridor. Prices in and around Devens are likely get more expensive as housing stock becomes increasingly scarce.

Murphy said that, within the borders of Devens, the number of housing units has been limited to somewhere around 270 units.

“That quota has just about been reached,” she said.

Murphy and members of the steering committee agreed that for Winchendon to take advantage of the town’s convenient access to Devens, the town must overcome negative perceptions of the Toy Town that continue to persist – despite evidence to the contrary.

Committee member Dennis Casavant said “the town and the schools need to do a better job promoting themselves.”

Fellow member Steve Sroczynski said “we have great schools, we just have to let people know it. Murdock schools are great, we have a wonderful private school and, of course, there’s Monty Tech (the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School). We should promote ourselves as having a ‘triple package’ of educational offerings.”

“We definitely have a lot of untapped potential here,” added Murphy.

While the discussion over how best to exploit the advantages of having Devens nearby is in its nascent stages, the committee determined Winchendon must commit itself to attracting more visitors – and eventually permanent residents – from amongst the people who currently work and live at the former military base.

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lighting design, the fixtures themselves, \$60 per fixture for “fusing,” installation, rebate/rate changes, and “other services.” The total cost of the project is therefore pegged at close to \$216,000. Subtract the

rebate amount of \$38,080 and the net project cost, according to Tanko, is set at \$177,523.

Under the existing plan, the annual cost to the town for street lighting over the next 20 years comes to just over \$1.4 million. Acquisition of streetlights would likely result in an overall cost to the town of

about \$1.1 million over the next two decades. Tanko, therefore, estimates a 20-year savings to the town of \$329,615.

Selectmen voted unanimously to move ahead with the audit.

In other action, the board voted to appoint Rick Marinelli as an election constable.

The following license appli-

cations were approved:

An entertainment permit for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for June 17-19 for the church’s annual Strawberry Festival. Two special one-day liquor licenses were also granted to the church for June 17 and 18.; an entertainment permit was granted to

Winchendon Kiwanis for the 32nd Annual Mass. State Chili Cook Off and Kiwanis Family Fun Day for Aug. 6, and; a parade permit was granted to Veterans Services for the annual Memorial Day Parade, for Monday, May 30 slated to begin at 10 a.m. and followed by ceremonies at GAR Park.

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